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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : H. F. Hutchinson, Jr.
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SUBJECT : NIO Monthly Warning Assessments: September

1. The reports on the NIO warning meetings for the month of September are attached.

2. I offer some comments on some of the issues discussed in the attached reports.

a. The Middle East

The draft SNIE on the aftermath of Sadat's assassination noted three points, widely separated in the text, that may deserve a more ominous treatment than they received. First, the possibility of more violence such as occurred in Asyut on 8 October and further assassination attempts was noted but not judged as to probability. If we have insufficient knowledge to judge the probability perhaps we should assume a higher risk to a smooth presidential succession than was assessed in the SNIE.

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b. Germany

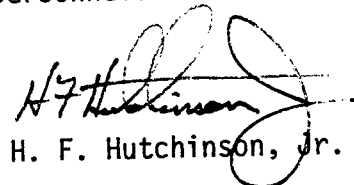
The peace march scheduled for 10 October portends difficulty for Helmut Schmidt and the SPD national conference next April and generates concern about US/NATO policy on TNF. The strength of the indigenous German peace movement is in danger of being obscured by the increasing visibility of Communist support. The NIO report clearly states the importance of separately considering the issues of German (and European) anti-nuclear weapon sentiment from Soviet activities and objectives.

c. El Salvador

The recent decline in the level of activity by revolutionary left forces may be short-lived. Unconfirmed reports raise the possibility of a sharp increase in guerrilla attacks in the next two months. In any event, the leftists almost certainly will intensify both military and political pressures this winter in an attempt to disrupt the government's plans for national elections next March.

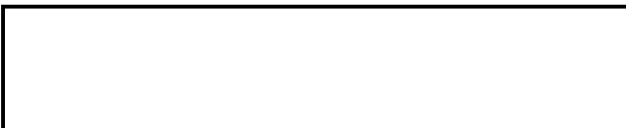
d. Ethiopia-Somalia

We still have insufficient evidence for a firm assessment of the potential significance of the Aden Cooperation Treaty between Ethiopia, Libya, and South Yemen. An important test, however, may occur in mid-November when US forces will land in Somalia in connection with Operation Bright Star. The Ethiopians, with Libyan encouragement and support, may use this exercise as a pretext for expanding military and terrorist attacks inside Somalia, perhaps including attacks on American personnel.



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Attachments



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